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take the federal tax credit along...the federal tax deduction, along with a Nebraska tax credit. This bill does not allow taxpayers to take both the state credit and the charitable contribution credit. The fiscal note that came back with the bill, even though this is a redo of LB 28 last year, was quite a bit a larger than we expected so, with that, we should move to the Revenue Committee amendment that would decrease the scope of this bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. There are Revenue Committee amendments, as stated. Chairman Landis, you are recognized to open.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. LB 28 was enacted last year and proposed to grant tax credits for individuals who made planned gifts, also for corporations that made direct contributions, and estates and trusts that make either to a Nebraska-based charitable endowment; in other words, charitable giving not just to the Red Cross or to the United Way but to their foundations so that it would be in a permanent holding of resources that then the interest would be paid out of and used for charitable purposes. The credit amount was 30 percent of the present value of the planned gift, or 20 percent of any direct gift by a corporation. Taxpayers could not claim both this credit and a charitable deduction under LB 28, as it was enacted last year. Many individuals and corporations, if not most, found that the federal deduction represented a larger tax benefit than LB 28, so nobody made use of LB 28, because they generally, although certainly were motivated by altruistic reasons, could give to the same organization for their yearly operations and get a better tax benefit than if they gave to that organization's endowment creating permanent wealth inside that third sector or nonprofit sector of the country. LB 1010 initially proposed adding back the amount of charitable deductions attributable to the value of the credit before calculating the Nebraska tax liability and applying the LB 28 credit against that tax liability. It was a complicated calculation. We simply struck the green copy of the bill and replaced it with a simpler and easier-to-administer system. The committee amendments rewrite the bill; approached the problem from a different perspective. Under the committee amendment, the bill would amend four